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Indian Standard

SPECIFICATION FOR BRA-ILLE PAPER

- 1.Scope Specifies requirements for paper for writing and printing braille for the visually impaired.
- 2. Terminology For the purpose of this standard the following definitions shall apply.
- 2.1 Substance Weight of the paper in grams per square metre under standard atmospheric conditions of 27 \pm 2°C and 65 \pm 2 percent relative humidity.
- 3. Requirements
- 3.1 General Braille paper shall be hard pulp (also called 'ordinary maplithe') paper air-dried and uniform in thickness. Both sides of the paper shall be clean, free from hard spots, wrinkles and foreign matter like oil, etc.
- 3.2 Co/our--- Colour of the paper shall preferably be unbleached cream, white or any other light colour-according to the requirements of the purchaser. However, very dark colours like black, dark-blue or violet, etc, shall not be used for the purpose of braille writing or printing.
- 3.3 The various characteristic requirements such as burst factor, tear factor, folding endurance, etc, shall be as given in Table 1.

SI No.	Characteristic	Requirement	Methods of Test					
i)	Burst factor, Min	1 5	IS: 1060 (Part 1)-1966 (Cl 12.6)					
ii)	Tear factor, Min	6 0	IS: 1060 (Fart 1)-1966 (Cl 128)					
iii)	Folding endurance, Min	60	IS: 1060 (Part 1)-1966 (CI 12.7)					
iv)	Stiffness, Min	15	IS: 1060 (Part 1)-1966 (CI 7.3)					
v)	Surface finish, Max (Parker print surf H-20)	7 μm						

- 3.4 **Substance and Size** The substance and size of the braille paper to be provided shall be as **agreed to between the** purchaser and supplier, and shall be selected so as to facilitate the specific braille embossing operation. Suggested substance and sizes are given in Table 2.
- 4. Tolerance The actual substance of the braille paper shall not differ from the nominal substance by more than \pm 2'5 percent.
- 5. Marking
- 5.1 Each package shall be marked with the following particulars:
 - a) Description of the material including size of sheet;
 - b) The mass per ream and grams per square metre;
 - c) Number of sheets in package and weight of package;
 - d) Batch number;
 - e) Date of manufacture; and
 - f) Manufacturer's name.

TABLE 2 SUBSTANCE AND SIZE (<i>Claus</i> e 3.4)								
SI No.	Purpose	Nominal Substance	Recommended Size	Remarks				
i)	Printing of text books or general books on flat bed machines	160	56 x 33 cm	Paper may be supplied in the size of 56 x 66 cm for the convenience of packaging and despatch from factory				
ii)	Printing of periodicals, leaf- lets and such other temporary material	150	do	do				
iii)	Hand transcribing of text- books/general books on perkins/taj braillers	160	33 x 28 cm	 a) The sizes may vary for different braille writers and slates b) The recommended size of braille paper for braille slate as per IS: 11279-I 985 is 35 X 22 cm 				
iv)	For routine correspondence, notings and such material	140	do	do				
v)	Printing of periodicals on rotary printing presses	150	56 x 33 cm	Rolls of suitable size as per the machine requirement				
vi)	Notings on pocket frames	140	do	Pads made to size to suit the pocket frames should be provided				

- 5.2 Manufacturer's name and initials or recognized trade-mark may be put as watermark on the paper but shall not be marked with ink or embossing on the surface of the paper.
- 5.3 /S/ Certification Marking Details available with the Indian Standards Institution.
- 6. Packing The paper may be packed as agreed to between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On the basis of tests conducted at the Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute, Dehra Dun, on various imported as well as indigenous papers, the Committee decided to specify requirements suiting to the indigenous production. It was, however, suggested that in view of wide variation of values between imported and indigenous papers, the paper manufacturers should improve upon these requirements and the Committee should review these after a period of 3 years since the publication of -this standard.